



Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Subject: **Temporary Amendment to Regulation 1052(f) – Requirements for Course Certification (Basic Courses) During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency**

A significant number of basic course presenters have suspended instruction to reduce exposure to COVID-19. Commission Regulation Section 1052 allows for POST training to be conducted in person or online; however, Section 1052(f) specifically excludes the Regular Basic Course (standard and modular formats), Specialized Investigators' Basic Course, Public Safety Dispatchers' Basic Course, PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course, and the Requalification Course from being conducted online.

Several POST basic course presenters have requested temporary relief from this regulation, seeking permission to conduct online training. As a result, POST has identified those areas of instruction that could be temporarily conducted, via an online platform, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

On May 7, 2020, Governor Newsom granted POST emergency authority pursuant to the Emergency Services Act (Government Code 8550 et seq.) to allow presenters to utilize an online platform for portions of the basic courses, as identified by POST Basic Training Bureau (BTB). Authorization to incorporate online training into the basic courses will remain in effect until the expiration of the State of Emergency and will apply to presentations of the Regular Basic Course (standard and modular formats), Specialized Investigators' Basic Course, and Public Safety Dispatchers' Basic Course.

Basic course presenters interested in temporarily modifying their course(s) to incorporate online training must identify a method to closely monitor students and the instruction provided to ensure students gain a thorough understanding of the materials. Any basic course modifications associated with online training must be approved prior to implementation. Presenters should contact their course approver for more information on the process to incorporate online training into the basic course(s).

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